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[Despatch Abstract.]

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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A copy of the letter No.F.3-1/48-C dated 23.7.1948 from the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, together with a copy of an appeal issued by Hon'ble Minister for Food and Agriculture is communicated to the Director of Agriculture and other Heads of Departments, Collectors of districts and the Firka Development Officers. They are requested to give wide publicity to the appeal. The Firka Development Officers are requested to arrange to distribute the appeal on a wide scale in the selected firkas. The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards is requested to arrange to distribute copies of the appeal through the Municipal and District Board teachers in rural areas. The Director of Agriculture is requested to distribute copies widely through his demonstrators fieldmen and maistries. Collectors of districts are requested to distribute copies through the Revenue staff and village officers. Copies will be supplied to the departments of the Secretariat, Heads of departments, Collectors of districts and Firka Development Officers atonce by the Superintendent, Government Press as shown in the Annexure. They are requested to intimate to the Superintendent, Government Press at once the number of additional copies of the appeal in English and in the languages of the district that they may require for distribution. The Superintendent, Government Press is requested to supply to them the additional number of copies required quickly.

2. The Director of Agriculture, Collectors of Districts and the Firka Development Officers are requested to organise a tree planting week. They should inaugurate the week on the Independence Day viz. the 15th August 1948 along with other celebrations and continue the tree planting in various centres throughout the week commencing from that date. The Director of Agriculture and the Chief Conservator of Forests should arrange before hand for the supply of seeds and seedlings for sowing or planting during that week. They should publish the quantity of seeds and seedlings and the places at which they will be avilable before hand for the information of the public so that they may get them for sowing or planting during the week. The Director of Agriculture and the Chier Gonservator of Forests are requested to take energetic steps to supply to the public seeds and seedlings of fuel trees from their nurseries.

3. The Collectors should see that the tree planting week is properly organised with the assistance of the District Agricultural Officers, District Forest Officers etc. and it is made a cuscess.

4. Arrangements will also be made through the Director of Information and Publicity for the broadcasting of the appeal through the radio and newspapers throughout the Province.

5. The Director of Agriculture, Chief Conservator of Forests and the Collectors are requested to see that local agricultural associations and non-officials also participate in the week. They ~~submit~~ are requested to submit a brief report of the programme gone through as soon as the week is ended.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

C.V.Narasimhan,
Dy. Secretary to Government

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To
All departments of Secretariat.
The Director of Agriculture.
The Chief Conservator of Forests.
All other heads of departments
All Collectors.
All Firka Development Officers.
The Provincial Firka Development Officer, Madras.
do. do. (North) Chillakalapudi
do. do. (South) Madras.
The Senior Translator to Government.
The Grow More Food Committee (Board of Revenue)
The Board of Revenue (L.R.).
The Chief Engineer, Irrigation
The Secretary, Madras Provincial Agricultural Association
Copy to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Agriculture, New Delhi.
" Regional Food Commissioner, Madras.
" Director of Information and Publicity.
" C.I. Section.
" Press.
The Superintendent, Government Press.

## ANNEXURE.

| | Number of copies to be supplied in English. (1) | Tamil. (2) | Telugu. (3) | Kannada. (4) | Malayalam. (5) |
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| Departments of Secretariat:- | | | | | |
| Development Department | | | | | |
| Revenue " | | | | | |
| Public Works " | | | | | |
| Other departments of the Secretariat except Legal and Finance (each) | | | | | |
| Heads of departments:- | | | | | |
| Director of Agriculture | 100 | 10 | 0 | | |
| Chief Engineer(Irrigation) | 50 | 5 | 5 | | |
| Regi.of Co-op.Societies | 50 | 5 | 5 | | |
| Director of Animal Husbandry | 25 | 5 | 5 | | |
| Inspector of Mun.Cls. and Local Boards | 200 | 10 | 10 | | |
| Board of Revenue-(LR.) | 10 | | | | |
| do. (C.S.) | 5 | | | | |
| Provincial Firka Dev.Officers (each) | 50 | | | | |
| Other heads of departments each- | | | | | |
| Director of Information & Publicity | 100 | | | | |
| Collectors:- | | | | | |
| Vizagapatam | 100 | -- | 400 | -- | -- |
| E.Godavari | 100 | -- | 400 | -- | -- |
| W.Godavari | 100 | -- | 400 | -- | -- |
| Krishna | 100 | -- | 400 | -- | -- |
| Guntur | 100 | -- | 400 | -- | -- |
| Nellore | 100 | -- | 400 | -- | -- |
| Anantapur | 100 | -- | 400 | -- | -- |
| Bellary | 100 | -- | 250 | 150 | -- |
| Cuddapah | 100 | -- | 400 | -- | -- |
| Kurnool | 100 | -- | 400 | -- | -- |
| Chittoor | 100 | 200 | 200 | -- | -- |
| Chingleput | 100 | 350 | 50 | -- | -- |
| N.Arcot | 100 | 400 | -- | -- | -- |
| S.Arcot | 100 | 400 | -- | -- | -- |
| Tanjore | 100 | 400 | -- | -- | -- |
| Tiruchirapalli | 100 | 400 | -- | -- | -- |
| Madura | 100 | 400 | -- | -- | -- |
| Ramnad | 100 | 400 | -- | -- | -- |
| Tinnevelly | 100 | 400 | -- | -- | -- |
| Malabar | 100 | 50 | -- | -- | 400 |
| South Kanara | 100 | -- | -- | 250 | 150 |
| Salem | 100 | 400 | -- | -- | -- |
| Coimbatore | 100 | 400 | 100 | 50 | -- |
| Nilgiris | 100 | 250 | -- | -- | 150 |
| Other addresses mentioned in Government Order(each) | 1 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Firka Development Officers:- | | | | | |
| Hindupur(Anantapur Dt.) | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Kalasapakham (Polur Tk.N.A.Dt) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Kadampuliyur, Cuddalore Tk) (S.A.Dt.) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Alur, Bellary Dt. | 25 | -- | 75 | 25 | -- |
| Tiruvellaur, Chingleput Dt. | 25 | 75 | 25 | -- | -- |
| Nagari, Tiruthani Tk. Chittoor Dt. | 25 | 50 | 50 | -- | -- |
| Palladam, (Coimbatore Dt.) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Pradattur, Cuddapah Dt. | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Rajamundry, E.Godavari Dt. | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Dendulur, (Ellore Tk.W.Godavari Dt.) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Ongole (Guntur Dt.) | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Kungla, (kasargod Tl.S.Kanara Dt.) | 25 | -- | -- | 75 | 25 |
| Bezwada (Krishna Dt.) | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Kurnool (Kurnool District) | 25 | -- | 100 | nil. | -- |

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| Tirumangalam, (Madura Dt.) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Tellichery(Kottayam Taluk, Malabar Dt.) | 25 | -- | -- | -- | 100 |
| Kanupur (Nellore Tk.Nellore Dt. | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Kundah (Nilgirs Dt.) | 25 | 75 | -- | -- | 25 |
| Malli (Srivilliputtur Tk., Nellore Dist.,)Ramnad Dt.) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Veerapandi (Salem Dt.) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Shermadevi (Tinnevelly Dt) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Musiri (Trichinopoly Dt.) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Gara (Chicacole tk.Vizagapatam District) | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Pendurthi(Vizagapatam Dt.) | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Saliamangalam (Tanjore Dt.) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Pollavaram (W.Godavari Dt.) | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Madugula (Vizagapatam Dt.) | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Yeragundapalama (Kurnool Dt.) | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Payyanur (Malabar Dt.) | 25 | -- | -- | -- | 100 |
| Guruvareddypalam (Guntur Dt.) | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Puliyankurichi (Salem Dt.) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Kotauratla (Vizagapatam Dt.) | 25 | -- | 100 | -- | -- |
| Vellakoil (Coimbatore Dt.) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |
| Avanashi (Coimbatore District) | 25 | 100 | -- | -- | -- |

Copy of letter No.F.3-1/48C dated 23/27th July 1948 from the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture to the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras, Development Department.

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Sub: Celebration of August 15th - programme for the villages towards greater food production.

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of appeal issued by the Hon'ble the Minister for food and Agriculture in pursuance of a resolution made in the first meeting of the Central Manure (Compost) Development Committee held at Nagpur on the 5th to 7th July 1948, for plantation of quick growing trees in the villages on the 15th August 1948, the first anniversary of Independance day. As the plantation of quick growing trees will result in making available to the cultivations a substitute fuel in place of cow-dung now burnt for fuel and thus help to release the latter for its utilization as manure for increasing agricultural production, it is requested that the Provincial and State Governments may (1) give wide publicity to the above appeal and (2) render all such assistance as may be necessary to the villagers in their areas for observing the tree-planting programme on the 15th August 1948.

## CELEBRATION OF AUGUST 15th. PROGRAMME FOR THE VILLAGES TOWARDS GREATER FOOD PRODUCTION.

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(Appeal issued by the Hon'ble Shri Jairamdas Daulatram, Minister for Food and Agriculture, Government of India.).

August 15th is drawing nigh. It will be the first anniversary of our attainment of political freedom. For the masses of India the year which has passed since this political freedom was achieved has witnessed hardly any change in their condition. They had built high hopes when freedom was won, but its glow has not yet reached them, It will serve little purpose to comentment on the causes which have been responsible for this. We must make a fresh effort to make the people in the distant villages feel that the country's new status is leading to a definite change in their economic and social condition.

Big developmental schemes are in preparation or execution which will water fresh lands and spread electric power in new areas. These will have their economic consequences on the life of the people round about them. The fruits of these schemes will, however, take some time to ripen and their benefit will be local. Other schemes will effect the life of the people are also going through the process of preparation and implementation. But they are all bits of a big whole; each will mature in its own time and place. Their execution depends upon factors which operate very slowly.

One would wish the masses in the village to do something themselves which would make for change in their economic condition. By their own effort they may celebrate the Freedom Day - the 15th of August - in a form which improves their present lot. The Government will celebrate the 15th of August in its own way. So will the urban population. It is open to the village folds themselves to the-organise a big programme of action. I would not indicate all the items they could include. Being in some way responsible for advisory function in regard to agriculture, I can speak to the agricultural masses only about items for the celebration of the freedome day which are linked with Agriculture. I wish it were a vast drive for launching on a programme of production which is both within their means and also rich in immediate results. The seasonal factor properly

possible to organise all the agricultural produce
of the country in

probably comes in the way of many items of work being taken up uniformly all over the country in the middle of August. But one item has been suggested to me which it appears is well timed for the middle of August and is of a nature which permits its being implemented in every village in the country. I wish to put it before all who have influence over the agricultural population in the rural areas. Experts have told us how in India the agriculturists waste vast quantities of organic manure the use of which can produce enough food to cover entire national food deficit and leave a surplus for all. This traditional habit of wasting the farmyard gatherings and other sources of organic manure is forced on the people because they have no other sources of organic manure is forced on for the fuel they need in their daily life. A solution of this difficulty has been found in what are called quick growing trees. While lending a pleasant appearance to village surroundings, the field bunds, the road sides, and the railway line. these trees will supply to the neighbouring village population a handy substitute for fuel purposes, in pla of the fertilising cow-dung and other farm manure which our soil is hungering for. We will have done double service to the country by following such a programme. It can become a factor for more production. The individual who thus saves organic manure for his field is a gainer because he reaps a richer harvest and so is the country b cause of the total increase in food crop.

I would therefore appeal to all who are in authority the provinces and States to take immediate steps to organ a systematic programme of planting quick growing trees suited to local conditions during the week beginning with the 15th August. It is a simple programme. It has no re tion to town life. It would make little appeal to the ur mind, But it fits in with rural conditions. It touches the life of villagers. It affects the yield from their farm. It affects therefore national production. But the task is a huge one, covering as it does lakhs of our villages, and can only be successfully accomplished by the active co-operation - nay, by the initiative of the villagers themselves. Village Officials, village school-masters, and village students can play a special role in this matter by arranging local programmes and giving a lead to the ~~the~~ local people in the campaign of planting quick growing trees, saving organic manure to enrich our fields and thereby helping the country in its plans for greater production.